Yarmouth. April 2d. 1802

My dear Friend

If it had been to acquire my Bread & Salvation I could not have worked much harder than I have done since I came here at my Drawings & Descrip-tions, which are now in great forwardness, & I suppose will be finished with this week, or at least nearly so— On this Acct I shall thank You to send immediately the following Notice to the Monthly Magazine with a request to insert it in the next Number. I suppose sending some Drawings to be engraved in a few days, if I do not see You in that time — As I expect a Gig here very soon to have ano-ther Excursion Hunt I must conclude

Dear Mr Augusth.
George Street, Yarmouth.

Yours Sincerely
W. Bidwell

Lewis Weston Bidwell
Botanical Cocholoquist

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Sir H. Davy / Bart. P.R.S.
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My dear Sir Humphrey

The mode by which many marine Animals form their Residence in various hard Substances has long been a subject of dispute & some Naturalists have conjectured that the perforations are made by friction & others by means of a Solvent without addducing any decisive proof to support either of these Theories & without any Idea that the same effect is produced by different means in different Families of the Mollusca – W. Osler has for several Years taken this Subject for his Study & his success has been so considerable that the Enclosed Account of his Observations appears to me to merit the attention of the Royal Society – I am a Witness to the accuracy of his Details & was never more interested than when, immediately after their birth I saw the minute Pholades by a semirotatory motion begin to burrow in some indurated Clay in which they were placed, nor is it possible to produce a more striking Instance of the early developement of Instinct – "In his tam parvis, atque tam mollibus, quæ ratio, quanta vis, quam inextricabilis perfectio*"! –

I remain

Even faithfully Yours

L.W. Dillwyn

Penllergare
Feb.y 8. 1826.

* Pliny. Hist. Nat. Liber XI. Cap. 2.

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DILLWYN (Lewis Weston ; M.P., *conchologist*, 1778-1855) A.L.S., Penllergace, Feby. 8. 1826, to Sir Humphry Davy, P.R.S., 1 page 4to., *on the question whether the boring action of certain marine animals is mechanical or chemical*, 12*s* 6*d*

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'Office of ye Ordnance. I doe hereby Certify that Joseph Crossthmont has been employed as an extra-ord
Laborer under me from the last day of September last past to the last day of March of the present Year 1710
Observatory nr Greenrort Park by Order of ye Board. Being 182 days at 18 p. day—13.13.00. JOHN FLAMS